

The Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) invites farmers from Lambton, Renfrew and Simcoe counties who are interested in participating in this cost-share Pilot Project to complete this short Statement of Interest Form to be assessed for Pre-Approval.

Please return this completed Application Form to accelerate@ontariosoilcrop.org

Once OSCIA receives and processes this form, they will contact you by email to confirm whether your application was successful. OSCIA aims to notify all applicants of their status within 10 business days of Application Form submission.

First Name	Last Name
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Operating Name of Business (This is the name under which the business operates)

Legal Name of Business (Complete name the business is registered under)
Same as above or:

Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN):

Email Address	Primary Phone	
Address (Line 1)	City	
Address (Line 2)	Province ONTARIO	Postal Code

Authorized Signing Authorities

I/We have signing authority for this business

First signing authority (print)	_____	_____
	First Name	Last Name
Second signing authority (print)	_____	_____
	First Name	Last Name

Project Location

Which county is the project located in? (Check one)

Lambton

Renfrew

Simcoe

Which township is the project located in? _____

Project (you may choose one or both)

Which stream are you interested in participating in? (Select all that apply.)

Soil Sampling

Cover Cropping

Expert Coach Selection

Please pick one option.

Select a CCA or P.Ag from the list (<https://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/accelerate-your-soil-health-expert-coach/>)

I do not see my CCA or P.Ag on the list and would like to use them – I will ask my CCA or P.Ag. to contact accelerate@ontariosoilcrop.org to get involved.

No preference, please select an Expert Coach for me.

Expert Coach Selected	_____	_____
	First Name	Last Name

Funding Acknowledgement

I/We understand that each eligible project applied for is pre-approved for \$2,500 in funding*, which will be refined by my Expert Coach before a full approval is issued. Payments will equal 60% of eligible invoiced costs, to a maximum of \$2,500 per approved project.

*OSCIA will only allocate funds to the maximum available for on-farm projects. Once the limit is reached, no further approvals will be granted.

Pilot Project Consent

I, _____, consent to the Ontario Soil & Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) reviewing my application. If approved for participation in the Accelerate Your Soil Health Game Pilot Project, I consent to OSCIA sharing my contact info and relevant pilot project eligibility information with my Expert Coach and with OMAFRA for pilot project reporting purposes. I also agree that I will meet with my Expert Coach and complete the project evaluation.

OSCIA internal use:

This farmer is assigned the identification number of _____ for the duration of the Accelerate Your Soil Health Game Pilot Project.

Declaration, Acknowledgements, Consent and Signature

In order to apply, you must agree to be bound by the Terms and Conditions of Canadian Agricultural Partnership (“the Partnership”) Cost-share Funding for Producers.

The applicant must be a legal entity that is eligible under the Partnership Cost-share Funding for Producers. The individual who signs the application form must be a person who is authorized by the applicant to sign the form on behalf of the applicant and to bind the applicant to the contents therein. This person is referred to as “you” below.

You must certify on the application that:

- You have read, understand, and agree to abide by all requirements of the Partnership Cost-share Funding for Producers. This Guide sets out the Terms and Conditions for the Partnership Cost-share Funding for Producers, and the Project Category Descriptions.
- All information submitted on the application is true and complete, to the best of your knowledge, belief and understanding.
- All sources of funding for the proposed project, other than the applicant’s, have been disclosed in this application, including sources and amounts from federal, provincial and municipal governments, and such funds do not, and will, not exceed 100 per cent of total project costs.
- The applicant does not currently owe any money to Ontario, or you have attached a description of the applicant’s debt to Ontario to this application.
- You are not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) a current or former federal public office holder or federal public servant, or, if you, or any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are a current or former federal public officer holder or federal public servant, you or that officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are in compliance with the **Conflict of Interest Act**, the **Conflict of Interest Code for Members of the House of Commons**, the **Values and Ethics Code for the Public Sector and the Policy on Conflict of Interest and Post-employment**, as applicable.
- You are not, nor is any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any), a member of the House of Commons or of the Senate, or if you, or any officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are, you or the officer, director or employee of the applicant (if any) are permitted under the **Parliament of Canada Act** to receive funding from Canada under the Partnership.

You must further certify on the Application, that the applicant:

- Shall retain all records relating to any payments made to the applicant under the Partnership, including all invoices and proof of payment for at least seven (7) years from the date on which payment was received by the applicant.
- Shall consent to Ontario, Ontario’s program administrator (if any) or Canada publishing information about the project/activities funded including the amount of funding the applicant has been approved to receive and/or has received under the Partnership, the nature and results of any project/ activities funded, along with the applicant’s name.

You must further acknowledge and accept that:

- The Partnership is a discretionary, non-entitlement program and the applicant is not entitled to funding merely as a consequence of submitting an application. Payment is subject to Ontario receiving all the necessary appropriations from the Ontario Legislature, Ontario receiving all the necessary monies from Canada, the applicant and the applicant’s project (and all activities) satisfying eligibility criteria, as well as the applicant’s compliance with all terms and conditions of the Partnership.
- If it is determined that the applicant has received a payment the applicant was not eligible to receive, through administrative error or otherwise, the applicant will repay any and all payments that the applicant was not eligible to receive as well as any surplus funding.
- Any payments made to the applicant may be subject to recovery or offset against the applicant’s pre-existing debts to the Crown in Right of Ontario or Canada.
- Ontario, Ontario’s program administrator (if any) or Canada, including, their respective Ministers, directors, officers, agents, employees or representatives (as applicable) shall not be liable for any damage or loss whatsoever, or howsoever arising, including damage or loss arising from any advice, opinions, representations, warranties or the provision of information under the Partnership.
- The information provided to the Partnership, with the exception of the Social Insurance Number of recipients of funding who are sole proprietors or unincorporated entities, may be disclosed by Ontario or Ontario’s program administrator (if any) on behalf of Ontario to verify compliance with other provincial and federal funding initiatives administered by Ontario or another program administrator on behalf of Ontario or by Ontario in order to confirm the information provided, to verify eligibility and to ensure there is no duplication of funding.
- The information provided for the Partnership may be subject to disclosure under the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act** (Ontario), the **Access to Information Act** (Canada) or **Privacy Act** (Canada).

You consent to the following on behalf of the applicant:

- To provide accurate, timely and full information, including supporting documentation, to Ontario or Ontario's program administrator (if any) and will notify Ontario or Ontario's program administrator (if any) immediately in the event there are any changes to information provided.
- To provide Canada, Ontario and Ontario's program administrator (if any), as well as their authorized representatives, with any information or access to a person, place or thing within ten (10) business days of any request, field verification or audit.
- To comply with onsite field inspections and/or audits by Ontario or Ontario program administrator (if any) upon notice, and during normal business hours, to verify eligibility, and to evaluate compliance with the requirements of the Partnership.
- To comply with reviews by Ontario of information related to other programs and initiatives delivered by, or for, Ontario in which the applicant is enrolled or has applied.
- The use of the applicant's name and contact information by Ontario, Ontario's program administrator (if any) and/or Canada to contact the applicant for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness and efficiency of the Partnership programming, or for any other similar purpose.

In the event of a conflict between anything set out in Guidebooks, Guidelines and the Minister's Order, the Minister's Order will prevail.

Errors and Omissions Excepted.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION: Ontario may collect the Social Insurance Number (SIN) of a Partnership funding recipient where that recipient is a sole proprietor or an unincorporated entity, in order to meet its obligations under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and for the purposes of auditing and collection of over-payments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the collection of this information, please contact the Administrative Services Representative, Rural Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, at 1 Stone Rd. W, Guelph ON N1G 4Y2, phone: 519-826-6616.

BY SIGNING BELOW, I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP, AS SET OUT IN THE PROGRAM GUIDE THAT THIS FORM ACCOMPANIES, AND IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT AS WELL AS BIND THE APPLICANT TO THE ABOVE.

Print Name

Signature

Date (YYYY/MM/DD)

Submit your form:

By email:

accelerate@ontariosoilcrop.org

By post:

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association
1-367 Woodlawn Road W. Guelph ON N1H 7K9

